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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Chinta Strausberg for her  
4 work in journalism; and

5           WHEREAS, Chinta Strausberg was born on the South Side of  
6 Chicago where her parents lived in her maternal grandfather's  
7 "family-only" building; she later moved to Markham, where she  
8 lived until the age of 16; she then lived with her maternal  
9 grandmother's best friend, Ora Higgins, for a year before  
10 getting her own apartment while in her senior year at John  
11 Marshall Harlan High School; she subsequently worked at Sears  
12 Roebuck & Co., getting off work at midnight and attending  
13 college during the day; and

14           WHEREAS, Chinta Strausberg met and married her husband,  
15 Bernard, at the age of 21; following his passing, she moved  
16 back to Chicago and returned to the Chicago Public Library,  
17 where she worked as a senior library clerk; she later worked  
18 for the federal government and the University of Illinois; she  
19 later began working on the second shift at First National Bank  
20 as a computer operator; while working at First National Bank,  
21 she graduated from Roosevelt University, where she majored in  
22 journalism; after taking several undergraduate courses in  
23 journalism at Northwestern University and attending at

1 Medill's School of Journalism in Evanston for a semester, she  
2 became a proof-reader/copy editor for the American Hospital  
3 Association (AHA); while working full time at the AHA, she  
4 worked at WSSD radio as a newscaster, weekly talk show host,  
5 acting news director, and acting public affairs director; and

6 WHEREAS, When there were discussions of closing the WSSD  
7 radio station, Chinta Strausberg accepted an offer by the  
8 managing editor of the Chicago Defender to join the paper; she  
9 was officially put on the Defender's payroll on May 10, 1981;  
10 she worked for the Chicago Defender for 23 1/2 years as the  
11 paper's political reporter, covering city, county, State,  
12 federal, national, and international news; she worked in the  
13 paper's City Hall newsroom until she resigned on April 30,  
14 2004, when she began working for then-Lieutenant Governor Pat  
15 Quinn as senior policy advisor and director of constituent  
16 services; and

17 WHEREAS, Chinta Strausberg resigned from the Lieutenant  
18 Governor's office on February 2, 2006 to work for late Cook  
19 County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. as director of  
20 communications and public affairs; following the election of  
21 Mr. Stroger's son as Board President, she briefly served as his  
22 director of communications before becoming his assistant; and

23 WHEREAS, Chinta Strausberg currently serves as director of

1 communications for the re-election campaign of United States  
2 Representative Bobby L. Rush; and

3 WHEREAS, Chinta Strausberg is a faithful servant at Saint  
4 Sabina Church, where she has been affiliated since 1982; and

5 WHEREAS, Chinta Strausberg will be honored for her civic  
6 rights and journalism work at an event in her honor on March  
7 12, 2012 at Hardtime Josephine's Cookin' in Chicago; therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we honor Chinta Strausberg for her work and wish her continued  
12 success and happiness in her future endeavors; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Chinta Strausberg as a symbol of our esteem and  
16 respect.